

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments, and the following remarks. Claims 1-26 are in the application. Claims 1-6, 11, 16, 18 and 21 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner objected to claim 21 for incorrect dependency. Applicants have amended claim 21 to depend from claim 19. Applicants have also amended claims 2-6, 11, 16, 18 and 21 to eliminate the phrases beginning with "preferably".

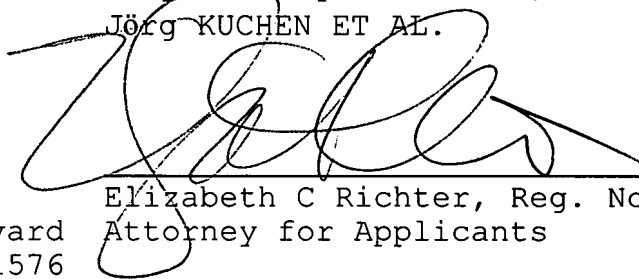
The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-7, 15-17, 19-20 and 23 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Slatter et al. Claims 8-11 and 21-22 are rejected as being unpatentable over Slatter in view of Seo. Claim 5 is rejected over Slatter et al. in view of Fantone et al. Claims 12-14 are rejected over Slatter et al. in view of Reed et al. Claims 18 and 24-26 are rejected as being unpatentable over Slatter et al. in view of Honda. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to clarify the invention and to state that the optical axis of the image capturing unit passes from the image capturing unit through the image fitting surface

to the image, and that the optical axis is inclined at an angle of more than 5 degrees relative to a normal of the image fitting surface in a region in which the optical axis traverses the image fitting surface. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification at page 8, second paragraph, and in the drawings in FIG. 7.

None of these features are taught or suggested by the cited references, taken either singly or in combination. Slatter and Seo have optical axes that are not in the same direction as that claimed in the present application. Early allowance of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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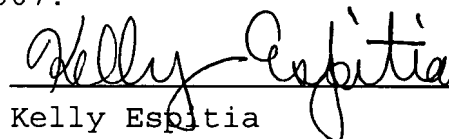


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